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GROUP ART UNIT: 3625

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN
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MARKET EXCHANGE

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 15, 2004 for the above referenced patent application. This response is being submitted on or before its current due date of January 18th, 2005, (the 15th being a Saturday, the 16th being a Sunday and the 17th being a holiday). In response to the Office Action, Applicants requests entry of the following amendment.

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Amendment dated January 18, 2005
Reply to Office action of October 15, 2004

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.